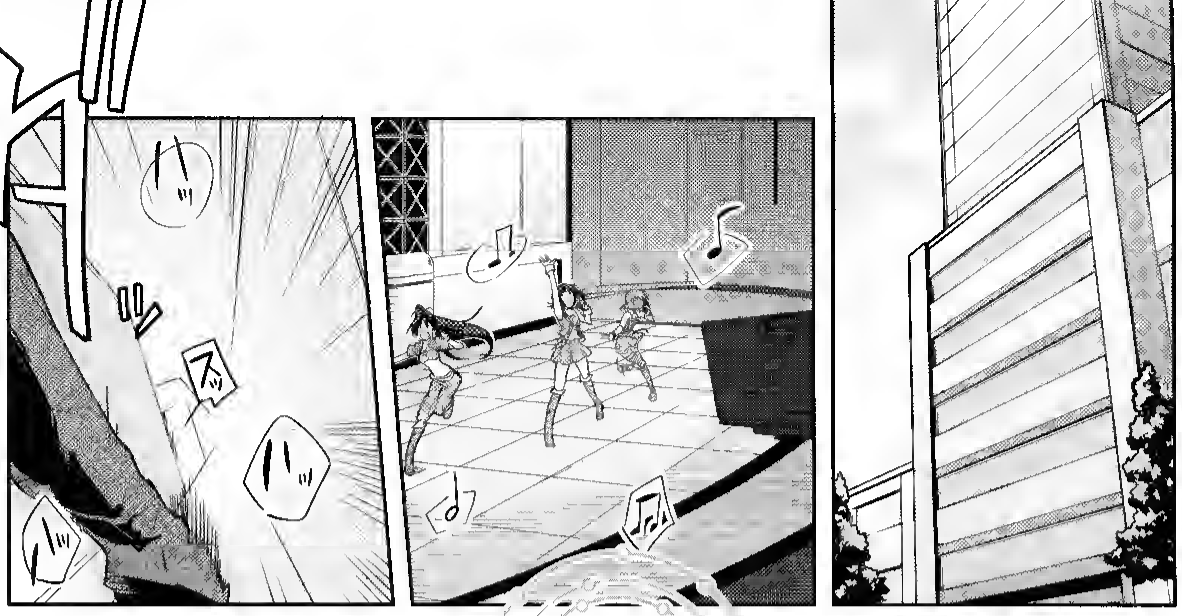

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CHAPTER 21 STRAY AND HIDE

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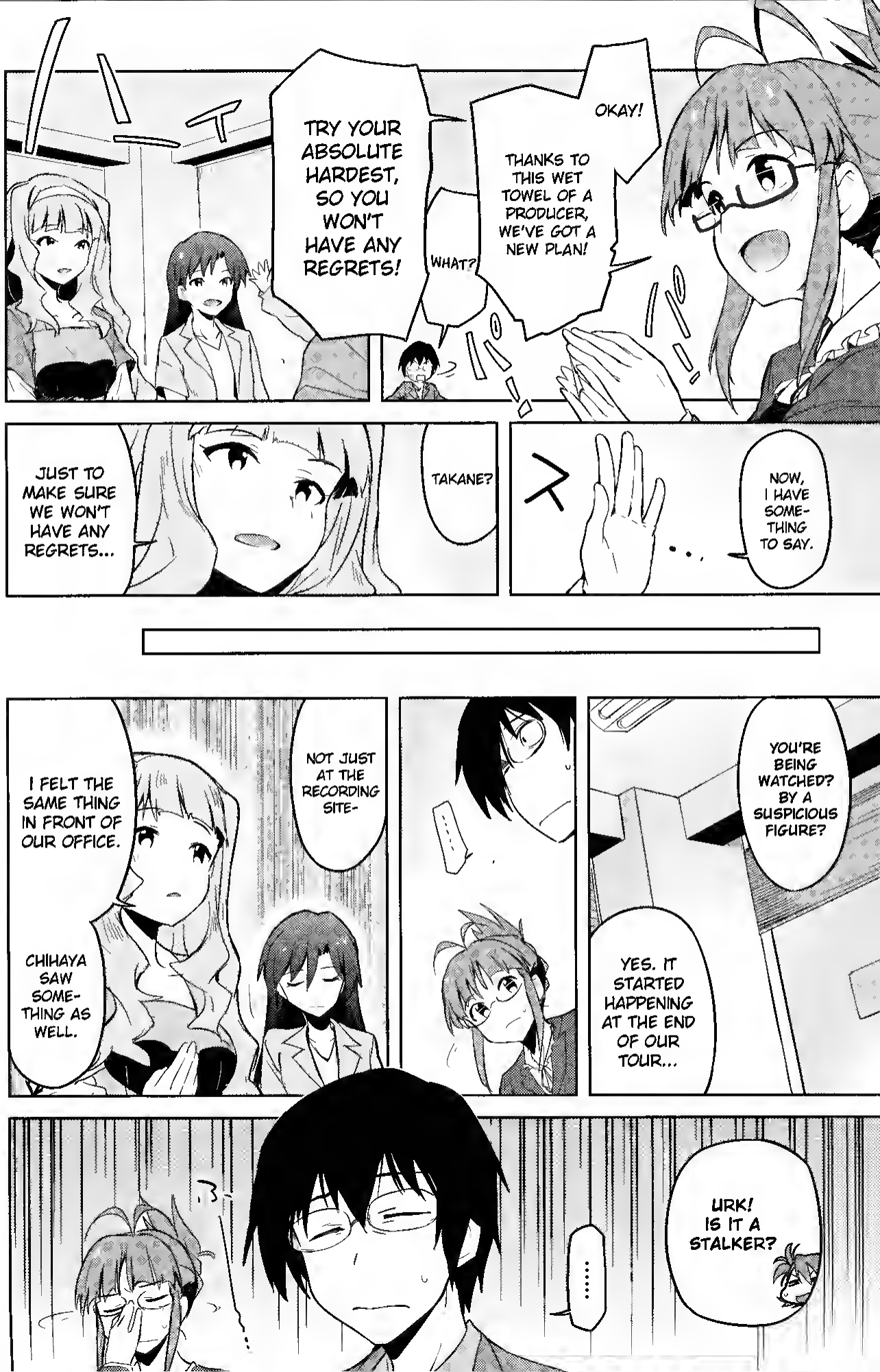
OUR LIVE TOUR'S DEFINITELY SHOWING RESULTS!
THAT'S ALL FOR OUR MONTHLY REPORT!
EVERYTHING IS GOING AS EXPECTED!
I THINK WE ALL KNOW THIS BY NOW,
BUT THE TOUGH PART HAS JUST BEGUN.
THE IA GRAND PRIZE NOMINATIONS ARE RIGHT BEFORE US!
IT'S THE FINAL STRETCH!
NO MATTER WHERE WE ARE, WE NEED TO APPEAL TO OUR FANS AS BEST AS WE CAN!
GOT IT?
FROM HERE ON OUT,
EVEN THE SLIGHTEST MISSTEP MIGHT BE THE END OF US.

GETTING TO PERFORM ON POPULAR PROGRAMS WON'T BE EASY.
IT'S A GIVEN THAT THEIR AUDITIONS WILL BE TOUGH TO CLEAR.
WE CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE OUT IN THEIR SINGING SECTIONS, EITHER.
RICCHAN! RICCHAN!
HAT'S WHY-
WE GET IT ALREADY! AT THIS RATE, YAYOI'S GONNA...
The end? Auu...
we can't lose... we've got to do our best...
OH, I SEE...
I DON'T NEED TO STRESS IT ANY MORE, DO I.
WE ALWAYS TRY OUR HARDEST.
YES. JUST LIKE WE'VE ALWAYS DONE.
THERE'S NO NEED TO BE SO TENSE, YAYOI.
Thank goodness.
You bet!
It's okay to keep on doing what we did?
BUT, YOU KNOW,
I UNDERSTAND WHY RITSUKO WANTS TO PUSH US SO HARD.

I'VE BEEN LISTENING TO YOU ALL TALK, AND...
COULD I HAVE A MOMENT?
YEAH, NANO!
IF ALL GOES WELL, WE'LL ALL BE ABLE TO-
I MEAN, LOOK! WE'VE REALLY DONE SOMETHING AMAZING, HAVEN'T WE?
ISN'T THIS KIND OF TENSION A GOOD THING?
EH? WHY?
I DON'T THINK IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO BE SO FOCUSED ON THE OUTCOME.
AND SOME OF US CAN'T HANDLE THAT KIND OF PRESSURE.
WELL, YES, BUT,
THERE ARE MORE REASONS FOR YOU TO BE AFRAID OF LOSING.
SO,
I WOULDN'T LIKE YOU TO LOSE SIMPLY BECAUSE THEIR TALENT DWARFS YOURS.
THERE ARE MANY OTHERS OUT THERE WITH TALENT AND POPULARITY.

MAKE SURE YOU WON'T REGRET ANYTHING.
DON'T SAY THAT YOU'LL DEFINITELY SUCCEED.
INSTEAD,
IS THAT ALRIGHT?
DO YOUR BEST WHILE KEEPING THAT IN MIND.
YOU'RE THE ONLY REASON WHY WE'VE STILL GOT HOPE, PRODUCER...
SO, JUST TRY OUR BEST...
EH?
HEY...
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW MUCH OF A DOWNER YOU SOUNDED LIKE?


TRY YOUR ABSOLUTE HARDEST, SO YOU WON'T HAVE ANY REGRETS!
WHAT?
OKAY!
THANKS TO THIS WET TOWEL OF A PRODUCER, WE'VE GOT A NEW PLAN!
JUST TO MAKE SURE WE WON'T HAVE ANY REGRETS...
TAKANE?
NOW, I HAVE SOME-THING TO SAY.
I FELT THE SAME THING IN FRONT OF OUR OFFICE.
CHIHAYA SAW SOME-THING AS WELL.
NOT JUST AT THE RECORDING SITE-
YOU'RE BEING WATCHED? BY A SUSPICIOUS FIGURE?
YES. IT STARTED HAPPENING AT THE END OF OUR TOUR...
URK! IS IT A STALKER?

NOT JUST SPROUT AND RYUUGUU KOMACHI,
BUT KACHOU FUUGETSU AS WELL?
WHAT? IS THAT THE CASE?
I CAN'T CONFIRM IT, BUT HERE'S WHAT I THINK.
961 PRO MIGHT BE-
IS HE TRYING TO DISRUPT OUR ACTIVITIES AGAIN?
IF THAT'S THE CASE, DOES THIS MAKE EVERYONE AT 765 PRO A TARGET?
NOPE.
I DON'T HAVE ANY PROOF THAT IT'S 961 PRO.
JUMPING TO CONCLUSIONS MIGHT BE DANGEROUS.
THAT BEING SAID,
IT MIGHT JUST BE A FAN THAT'S TAKING THINGS TOO FAR.
YEAH.
IN ANY CASE, I'D LIKE EVERYONE TO TAKE CARE.
OKAY, EVERYBODY! AS YOU'VE JUST HEARD-
FROM NOW ON, PLEASE BE MORE CARE-FUL!
MAKE SURE YOU LOOK OUT FOR ANY STAGE ACCIDENTS, AS WELL!

PRESI-DENT?
WE CAN'T HAVE ANYTHING HAPPEN TO OUR IDOLS, CAN WE?
I'LL HELP AS WELL.
UH...
CAN OUR SCHEDULES EVEN FIT!?
THIS ALSO GOES FOR EVERYONE NOT IN RYUUGUU KOMACHI OR SPROUT!
AFTER EVERY JOB, EITHER ME OR RITSUKO WILL BE THERE TO PICK YOU UP!
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AND THAT'S THAT!
IF WE'RE GONNA AIM FOR TOP IDOL,
WE CAN'T LET SOMETHING LIKE THIS RUIN OUR MOOD!
GOT IT!?
STARTING FROM NOW,
BE READY FOR ANY-THING,
SO THAT YOU DON'T REGRET ANYTHING!
ALRIGHT!

NOW,
I'D LIKE TO HEAR YOUR HONEST OPINIONS ABOUT THIS.
ARE THESE EVENTS
AFFECTING YOUR WORK IN ANY WAY?
EVEN IF WE TELL YOU TO KEEP YOUR MOOD UP,
THAT'S NOT SOMETHING EASY TO DO, IS IT?
ANXIETY DOESN'T GO AWAY SO EASILY
HOW DO YOU REALLY FEEL ABOUT ALL THIS?
UM... NOTHING'S CHANGED, I THINK.
YEAH. WE'RE STILL IN THE SAME SITUATION AS BEFORE.
YEP! BESIDES,
UNTIL NOW, YOU'VE BEEN PROTECTING US, HAVEN'T YOU?
IT'S NOT A PROBLEM AT ALL!
I, IS THAT SO.
IT'S NICE THAT YOU TRUST ME, BUT THE RESPONSIBILITY IS HUGE!
IF ANYTHING, I'M WORRIED ABOUT MAKOTO!
ABOUT KIKUCHI? WHAT DO YOU-

MAMI AND YAYOI DON'T NEED TO WORRY, EITHER.
"IF I SEE HIM, I'LL CATCH HIM MYSELF!"
THE STAFF ARE ALWAYS FUSSING OVER THEM, AFTER ALL.
AH. I WAS A LITTLE WORRIED, BUT NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT,
THAT'S...
THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID...
EVERYONE LIKES THEM, NO MATTER WHERE THEY GO.
HUP!
AS FOR THE OTHERS,
IT'S LIFE AS USUAL.
EVERYONE SEEMS PRETTY UNAFFECTED.
YEP.
I'M JUST WORRIED ABOUT HOW THE COMPETITION'S GOING TO END UP LIKE.
THAT SEEMS MORE IMPORTANT TO ME.

RITSUKO MAY HAVE SAID ALL THAT,
AH.
I DON'T KNOW HOW WELL WE'RE DOING...
WE'VE GOT TO CHECK OURSELVES, DON'T WE?
ALSO,
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IF WE KEEP THIS UP, WE'LL GET A NOMINATION FOR SURE.
BUT IT DOESN'T REALLY CONCERN RYUUGUU KOMACHI OR SPROUT.
WE'VE GOT THINGS TO WORRY ABOUT.
EVEN AFTER ALL OF THAT,
WAITING FOR US.
THERE'S STILL SOMEONE WE CAN'T IGNORE
EVEN AFTER WE GET NOM-INATED...
WE AREN'T GOING TO LOSE TO THEM THIS TIME.

AH...
NOT ONLY THAT, IF WE RUN INTO THE OTHERS FROM 765 PRO...
WELL...
WE ALL KNOW WHAT WE HAVE TO DO, DON'T WE?
FACE EACH OTHER HEAD ON,
AND COMPETE WITH ALL THAT WE HAVE.
THAT'S GOOD.
NOW, I JUST HAVE ONE QUESTION FOR YOU TWO.
ARE YOU CONFIDENT THAT WE'LL BE FINE, NO MATTER WHO WE FACE?
UH, IF YOU SAY "CONFI-DENT"...
I... CAN'T SAY I HAVE.
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BECAUSE, YOU SEE,
IF WE TAKE ONE-TWO→TAILS OR KACHOU FUUGETSU, FOR EXAMPLE,
THEY CAN RELY ON THEIR SINGING ABILITY,
OR COVER EVERYTHING WITH SHEER LIVELINESS.
THEY'VE ALL GOT SOMETHING THEY CAN FALL BACK ON. SOMETHING TO BE CONFIDENT ABOUT.

UM... THAT'S...
SOMETHING THAT... STANDS OUT...?
WELL, DO WE HAVE
ANYTHING ABOUT US THAT STANDS OUT?
MM.
YEAH. EVERYONE ELSE HAS SOMETHING LIKE THAT...
WE NEED TO PAY ATTENTION TO THINGS LIKE THIS,
SO THAT WE CAN MAKE A STAGE THAT IS TRULY "OURS".
UM... YEAH.
IT'S HARD.
I UNDERSTAND WHERE HIBIKI'S COMING FROM, THOUGH...
IF WE CAN'T,
I DON'T THINK WE'LL BE ABLE TO GET ANY FURTHER.
I AGREE, BUT...
TO FIND ONE ALL OF A SUDDEN...
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IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING,
YOU'VE ALREADY GOT IT, DON'T YOU?

IF YOU WANT TO MAKE A STAGE WITH YOUR SMILES,
WHAT WOULD YOU DO?
I'VE SAID IT BEFORE, HAVEN'T I?
YOUR "SMILE".
THAT'S YOUR MOST IMPORTANT WEAPON.
A STAGE WHERE WE CAN
ENJOY WITH ALL OUR FANS!
AND THERE'S YOUR ANSWER.
T, THAT'S RIGHT!
WHAT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA?
NOW, HOW SHOULD WE HAVE EVERY-ONE...
AH
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS?
OKAY FOR OUR NEXT MINI-LIVE
AIM TO BECOME A UNIT THAT BRINGS SMILES TO EVERYONE!
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Mini-live Location
YEP.
ALRIGHT. AFTER SPROUT'S MINI-LIVE ENDS,
I'LL GO PICK KIKUCHI UP AFTER DROPPING OFF SPROUT.
OKAY, THANKS.
IT SEEMS LIKE THAT FIGURE APPEARS DURING SINGING AND PERFORMANCE EVENTS.
KEEP AN EYE OUT, YOU HEAR?
RIGHT.
TAKE CARE ON YOUR END AS WELL.

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HERE'S OUR LAST SONG!
WE'D LIKE YOU ALL TO SING ALONG-
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SO PLEASE LOOK UP ABOVE THE STAGE!
LET'S ALL DO THIS TOGETHER!!
LYRICS?
OH!?

GREAT JOB, EVERY-ONE!
GOOD WORK.
THAT SEEMED BETTER THAN USUAL, DIDN'T IT?
YEP!
THE AUDIENCE WAS SINGING PRETTY LOUDLY!
THAT'S THANKS TO YOU PUTTING UP THOSE LYRICS.
HAVING SOME FANS SING ALONG MAKES EVERYONE FEEL A LOT MORE UNITED.
I MEAN, WHAT'S STOPPING MOST OF THEM IS THAT THEY MIGHT GET THE LYRICS WRONG.
WE CAN'T HAVE EVERYONE GOING QUIET BECAUSE THEY CAN'T REMEMBER WHAT COMES NEXT, YOU KNOW?
AHAHA. I GET WHAT YOU MEAN.
WELL,
WE MANAGED TO GET MORE FANS TO SING ALONG, DIDN'T WE?
ONE STEP AT A TIME,
RIGHT?
THAT'S RIGHT,
KEEP IT UP.
LET'S GET GOING.

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AH, I THINK I FORGOT SOME-THING!
I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!
UH, OKAY?
IF ANYONE COMES THIS WAY,
RUN INSIDE AND LOCK THE DOOR!
OKAY?
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HE SHOULDN'T HAVE NOTICED ME YET.
IF I GO THE OTHER WAY-
THERE!
HEY, WHAT ARE YOU-

A... LITTLE GIRL?
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KYAAAA- AAAAAA- AAAAAA!?
WHOA!?
CALM DOWN!
I'M NOT- WAIT-
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WHAT'S GOING O-
WHAT WAS THAT SCREAM?
IT CAME FROM OVER HERE!
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THIS ISN'T WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE.
YEAH. WE KNOW THAT.
AND SINCE WE KNOW THAT,
PLEASE LET GO OF HER AND CATCH YOUR BREATH FIRST.
WAS THIS WHAT YOU WENT BACK FOR?
UH, NO, THAT WASN'T—
COME ON! WHAT WERE YOU TRYING—
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EH!?
S, SPROUT!?
IT CAN'T BE!
SO CLOSE!?
HUH?
KYA-AA-AA-AA!!

Sprout
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AH. SO, IT SEEMS THAT
THAT "SOMEONE" SNEAKING AROUND OUR OFFICE AND STUDIOS WAS YOU.
YES...
SORRY...
I'M A BIG FAN OF SPROUT.
AND, UM... I WENT FOR EVERY STOP ON THE LIVE TOUR.
EVERYONE WAS AMAZING, AND BEFORE I KNEW IT, I BECAME A FAN OF 765 PRODUCTIONS AS WELL.
AFTER THE TOUR ENDED, I ONLY GOT MORE FIRED UP,
AND I WANTED TO TAKE A PEEK AT THE OFFICE...
UM...
GO ON.
I THOUGHT THAT IF I WAITED OUT-SIDE...
MAYBE SOMEONE WOULD COME OUT...
AND...
PRODUCER'S KIND OF SCARY
AHAHA
AH
AND THEN?

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I, I'm really sorry!
AND, BEFORE YOU KNEW IT, YOU ENDED UP ALL THE WAY OVER HERE.
THEN, YOU'D FOLLOW THE IDOLS AS THEY CAME OUT,
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YEAH, I GET IT.
PRO-DUC-ER...
OKAY, NOW,
WHAT YOU'VE BEEN DOING ENDS UP CAUS-ING TROUBLE FOR THE PEOPLE YOU WANT TO SUPPORT.
IT'S NOT SOMETHING A FAN SHOULD BE DOING.
YOU UNDER-STAND?
Y, YES! I UNDER-STAND!
CAN YOU PROMISE ME THAT YOU WON'T DO THIS AGAIN?
I PROM-ISE!
OKAY. THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY.
Uuu... I, I'm really sorry about all this...
Especially to you three at sprout..
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BUT,
I'M HAPPY THAT YOU LIKE US THAT MUCH.
LET'S HAVE FUN TOGETHER AT OUT NEXT LIVE!
UNTIL THEN, TRY NOT TO CAUSE ANY TROUBLE, OKAY?
AS ALWAYS,
WE'LL BE COUNTING ON YOUR SUPPORT!
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I, I'VE BECOME AN EVEN BIGGER FAN OF YOURS!
I'LL CHEER FOR YOU AS MUCH AS I CAN!
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UH, YEAH.
UM, TAKE IT EASY...
JUST... TRY NOT TO OVERDO IT, OKAY?
OKAY!
I FEEL A LITTLE UNEASY...

YEP. I'M GOING TO RECIEVE KIKUCHI NOW.
WE'VE CAUGHT THAT "SUSPICIOUS FIGURE", BUT WE'RE STILL GONNA KEEP THIS UP.
I'LL GIVE YOU THE DETAILS ONCE I'M BACK AT THE OFFICE.
LATER.
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WELL, WELL.
TURNS OUT IT WAS JUST A FAN.
I STILL HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT ALL THIS, THOUGH.
"IF YOU REJECT MY OFFER, I'LL BE SURE TO RETURN THE FAVOR."
"WHEN THAT TIME COMES, MAKE SURE YOU DON'T REGRET IT."
AM I JUST WORRYING TOO MUCH ABOUT THAT?
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WAIT, HOLD ON.
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IF THAT GIRL WAS THE "SUSPICIOUS FIGURE",
THAT STILL LEAVES THE PERSON I SAW INSIDE THE "STAFF-ONLY" AREAS OF OUR STUDIO.
WHO WAS THAT?

THE IA GRAND PRIZE NOMINATIONS ARE DRAWING CLOSER!
TONIGHT, WE'LL HAVE POPULAR IDOLS COMPETING AS WELL!
WE HAVE WITH US ON STAGE-
FROM 765 PRO,
HOSHII MIKI!
UP AGAINST HER,
KUNOICHI CLUB, DUE TO SCHEDULE CONFLICTS, HAS BEEN REPLACED WITH-
OUR NOBLE VISI-TORS FROM 961 PRO-
JUPITER!
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